

# **Pamela Z. Sawyer**

## *Biography*

Pamela Z. Sawyer is currently serving in her seventh term as State Representative for the 55<sup>th</sup> District that includes the towns of Andover, Bolton, Hebron, and Marlborough.

Appointed Minority Whip by the House Republican leadership in 2003, and again in 2005. She also served as Assistant Minority Leader in 1997, 1999 and again in 2001. Representative Sawyer is currently serving on the General Assembly's new Veterans' Committee as well as the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, and the Transportation and Legislative Management Committee.

In addition to her current membership on those committees, Representative Sawyer served as Ranking Member on the Select Committee on Children during her second and sixth terms in office.

A former teacher, Representative Sawyer's political experience includes twelve years on the Bolton Board of Education, serving from 1981 through 1993. She is also a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Bolton Republican Town Committee, the Bolton Women's Club, the National Order of Women Legislators (NOWL) and is a founding member of the UConn Parents Association.

Since being elected in 1992, Representative Sawyer has voted to reduce taxes by nearly \$2 billion, dedicate millions to improve educational quality for our school children and reform the state's welfare system. She has been, and continues to be, committed to working toward providing quality health care for all Connecticut residents, as well as fighting for state dollars for open space and farmland preservation.

Representative Sawyer was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and attended the Providence public school system. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Science Education from the University of Rhode Island and attended graduate school at the same University.

Representative Sawyer resides with her family in Bolton.